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FUEL ADDITIVE COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING A MANNICH CONDENSATION PRODUCT, A POLY(OXYALKYLENE) MONOOL, AND A CARBOXYLIC ACID

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a fuel additive composition containing a Mannich condensation product, a hydrocarbyl-terminated poly(oxyalkylene) 10 monool, and a carboxylic acid. In one aspect the present invention relates to the use of the additive composition in a fuel composition to prevent and control engine deposits, particularly engine intake system deposits, such as intake valve deposits. In a further aspect the present invention relates to a method of improving the compatibility of a fuel additive composition.

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Description of the Related Art

Numerous deposit-forming substances are inherent in hydrocarbon fuels. These substances, when used in internal combustion engines, tend to form 20 deposits on and around constricted areas of the engine contacted by the fuel. Typical areas commonly and sometimes seriously burdened by the formation of deposits include carburetor ports, the throttle body and venturies, engine intake valves, etc.

25 Deposits adversely affect the operation of the vehicle. For example, deposits on the carburetor throttle body and venturies increase the fuel to air ratio of the gas mixture to the combustion chamber thereby increasing the amount of unburned hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide discharged from the chamber. The high fuel-air ratio also reduces the gas mileage obtainable from the 30 vehicle.

35 Deposits on the engine intake valves when they get sufficiently heavy, on the other hand, restrict the gas mixture flow into the combustion chamber. This restriction starves the engine of air and fuel and results in a loss of power. Deposits on the valves also increase the probability of valve failure due to

burning and improper valve seating. In addition, these deposits may break off and enter the combustion chamber possibly resulting in mechanical damage to the piston, piston rings, engine head, etc.

5 The formation of these deposits can be inhibited as well as removed by incorporating an active detergent into the fuel. These detergents function to cleanse these deposit-prone areas of the harmful deposits, thereby enhancing engine performance and longevity. There are numerous detergent-type gasoline additives currently available which, to varying degrees, perform

10 these functions.

Mannich condensation products are known in the art as fuel additives for the prevention and control of engine deposits. For example, U.S. Patent No. 4, 231,759, issued November 4, 1980 to Udelhofen et al., discloses reaction

15 products obtained by the Mannich condensation of a high molecular weight alkyl-substituted hydroxyaromatic compound, an amine containing an amino group having at least one active hydrogen atom, and an aldehyde, such as formaldehyde. This patent further teaches that such Mannich condensation products are useful detergent additives in fuels for the control of deposits on

20 carburetor surfaces and intake valves.

U.S. Patent No. 5,876,468, issued March 2, 1999 to Moreton, discloses a compound comprising a Mannich reaction product of a polyisobutylene-substituted phenol wherein at least 70% of the terminal olefinic double bonds

25 in the polyisobutylene are of the vinylidene type, an aldehyde, and ethylenediamine (EDA). This compound is shown to be a more effective detergent in hydrocarbon fuels than Mannich compounds made from 3-(dimethylamino)propylamine (DMAPA), diethylenetriamine (DETA), and triethylenetetramine (TETA). However, the other compounds are shown to

30 have good detergency properties relative to base fuel. Moreton also discloses an additive package consisting of the EDA Mannich, alkoxyolated alkylphenol, and an aromatic solvent.

Generally, Mannich condensation products are utilized in combination with other fuel additive components. For example, polyolefins and polyether

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compounds are also well known in the art as fuel additives. It is not uncommon for the literature to refer to the enhanced benefits of the combination of two or more such fuel additives for the prevention and control of engine deposits.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,514,190, issued May 7, 1996 to Cunningham et al., discloses a fuel additive composition for the control of intake valve deposits which comprises (a) the Mannich reaction product of a high molecular weight alkyl-substituted phenol, an amine, and an aldehyde, (b) a poly(oxyalkylene) 10 carbamate, and (c) a poly(oxyalkylene) alcohol, glycol or polyol, or a mono or diether thereof.

U.S. Patent No. 5,634,951, issued June 3, 1997 to Colucci et al., discloses gasoline compositions containing Mannich condensation products as 15 detergents. This patent teaches that carrier fluids, including liquid polyalkylenes, may be added to the compositions to enhance the effectiveness of the Mannich condensation products in minimizing or reducing intake valve deposits and/or intake valve sticking.

20 U.S. Patent No. 5,697,988, issued December 16, 1997 to Malfer et al., discloses a fuel additive composition which provides reduced fuel injector, intake valve, and combustion chamber deposits which comprises (a) the Mannich reaction product of a high molecular weight alkyl-substituted phenol, an amine, and an aldehyde, (b) a polyoxyalkylene compound, preferably a 25 polyoxyalkylene glycol or monoether derivative thereof, and (c) optionally a poly-alpha-olefin.

U.S. Patent No. 6,048,373, issued April 11, 2000 to Malfer et al., discloses a fuel composition comprising (a) a spark-ignition internal combustion fuel, (b) a 30 Mannich detergent; and (c) a polybutene having a molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) of 1.4 or below.

U.S. Patent No. 4,357,148, issued November 2, 1982 to Graiff, discloses the control or reversal of octane requirement increase together with improved fuel economy in a spark ignition internal combustion engine is achieved by

introducing with the combustion charge a fuel composition containing an octane requirement increase-inhibiting amount of certain oil-soluble aliphatic polyamines and certain low molecular weight polymers and/or copolymers of mono-olefins having up to 6 carbon atoms, in a certain ratio.

5 U.S. Patent No. 4,877,416, issued October 31, 1989 to Campbell, discloses a fuel composition which contains (a) from about 0.001 to 1.0 percent by weight of a hydrocarbyl-substituted amine or polyamine having an average molecular weight of about 750 to 10,000 and at least one basic nitrogen atom, and (b) a

10 10 hydrocarbyl-terminated poly(oxyalkylene) monool having an average molecular weight of about 500 to 5,000, wherein the weight percent of the hydrocarbyl-terminated poly(oxyalkylene) monool in the fuel composition ranges from about 0.01 to 100 times the amount of hydrocarbyl-substituted amine or polyamine.

15 U.S. Patent No. 5,006,130, issued April 9, 1991 to Aiello et al., discloses an unleaded gasoline composition containing a mixture of (a) about 2.5 parts per million by weight or higher of basic nitrogen in the form of an oil-soluble aliphatic alkylene polyamine containing at least one olefinic polymer chain,

20 20 said polyamine having a molecular weight of about 600 to 10,000, and (b) from about 75 to about 125 parts per million by weight based on the fuel composition of certain oil-soluble olefinic polymers, a poly(oxyalkylene) alcohol, glycol or polyol or a mono or di-ether thereof, non-aromatic naphthenic or paraffinic oils or polyalphaolefins. This patent further teaches

25 25 that, as a matter of practicality, the basic nitrogen content of the aliphatic polyamine component is usually about 4.0 or below and that this generally corresponds to a concentration of about 100 to 160 ppm when the aliphatic polyamine is a 1,050 molecular weight aliphatic diamine, such as N-polyisobutetyl N'-N'-dimethyl-1, 3-diaminopropane.

30 U.S. Patent No. 5,405,419, issued April 11, 1995 to Ansari et al., discloses a fuel additive composition comprising (a) a fuel-soluble aliphatic hydrocarbyl-substituted amine having at least one basic nitrogen atom wherein the hydrocarbyl group has a number average molecular weight of about 700 to

3,000; (b) a polyolefin polymer of a C₂ to C₆ monolefin, wherein the polymer has a number average molecular weight of about 350 to 3,000; and (c) a hydrocarbyl-terminated poly(oxyalkylene) monool having an average molecular weight of about 500 to 5,000. This patent further teaches that fuel compositions containing these additives will generally contain about 50 to 500 ppm by weight of the aliphatic amine, about 50 to 1,000 ppm by weight of the polyolefin and about 50 to 1,000 ppm by weight of the poly(oxyalkylene) monool. This patent also discloses that fuel compositions containing 125 ppm each of aliphatic amine, polyolefin and poly(oxyalkylene) monool provide better deposit control performance than compositions containing 125 ppm of aliphatic amine plus 125 ppm of poly(oxyalkylene) monool.

U.S. Patent No. 3,798,247, issued March 19, 1974 to Piasek and Karll, discloses that the reaction under Mannich condensation conditions, like other chemical reactions, does not go to theoretical completion and some portion of the reactants, generally the amine, remains unreacted or only partially reacted as a coproduct. Unpurified products of Mannich processes also commonly contain small amounts of insoluble particle byproducts of the Mannich condensation reaction that appear to be the high molecular weight condensation product of formaldehyde and polyamines. The amine and amine byproducts lead to haze formation during storage and, in diesel oil formulations, to rapid buildup of diesel engine piston ring groove carbonaceous deposits and skirt varnish. The insoluble or borderline soluble byproducts are substantially incapable of removal by filtration and severely restrict product filtration rate. These drawbacks were overcome by adding long-chain carboxylic acids during the reaction to reduce the amount of solids formation from the Mannich reaction. This was thought to render the particulate polyamine-formaldehyde condensation product soluble through formation of amide-type links. In particular, oleic acid worked well at 0.1 to 0.3 mole/mole of alkylphenol. The quantity of unconsumed or partially reacted amine was not mentioned in the patent.

U.S. Patent No. 4,334,085, issued June 6, 1982 to Basalay and Udelhofen, discloses that Mannich condensation products can undergo transamination,

and use this to solve the problem of byproduct amine-formaldehyde resin formation encountered in U.S. Patent No. 3,748,247 eliminating the need for using a fatty acid. U.S. Patent No. 4,334,085 defined transamination as the reaction of a Mannich adduct based on a single-nitrogen amine with a 5 polyamine to exchange the polyamine for the single-nitrogen amine. The examples in this patent infer that the unconsumed amine and partially reacted amine discussed in U.S. Patent 3,798,247 are not merely unconsumed, but must be in chemical equilibrium with the product of the Mannich condensation reaction. In Example 1 of U.S. Patent No. 4,334,085, a Mannich 10 condensation product is made from 0.5 moles of polyisobutylphenol, 1.0 mole of diethylamine and 1.1 moles of formaldehyde. To 0.05 moles of this product was added 0.05 moles of tetraethylenepentamine (TEPA) and then the mixture was heated to 155°C while blowing with nitrogen. The TEPA replaced 80 to 95% of the diethylamine in the Mannich as the nitrogen stripped off the 15 diethylamine made available by the equilibrium with the Mannich.

U.S. Patent No. 5,360,460, issued November 1, 1994 to Mozdzen et al., discloses a fuel additive composition comprising (A) an alkylene oxide condensate or the reaction product thereof and an alcohol, (B) a 20 monocarboxylic fatty acid, and (C) a hydrocarbyl amine, or the reaction product thereof and an alkylene oxide. The fuel additive composition deals with cleaning of injection ports, lubricating a fuel line system in a diesel vehicle, and with minimizing corrosion in the fuel line system. However, the use of a Mannich condensation product is neither disclosed nor suggested. 25
In the references described above, the emphasis is on fuel additive compositions or components that prevent and control engine deposits, particularly engine intake system deposits. Although this is the primary requirement for commercial application of fuel additive compositions, it is not 30 the only requirement. Among other requirements, the fuel additive composition must not cause any harm to other parts of the engine, must provide other necessary properties such as rust inhibition and water shedding, and must be reasonably stable for handling. Thus, a fuel additive composition

will consist of a number of components that result in the achievement of all the desired properties.

One aspect of stability is the compatibility of the fuel additive components
5 when they are blended together to give the desired composition. Sometimes the components may interact and result in the formation of haze, floc, and sediment. If this occurs, the additive composition will not be homogeneous and will result in sedimentation in storage tanks and injection equipment at gasoline blending plants. This will foul the storage tank and possibly plug the
10 injection equipment and any in-line filters.

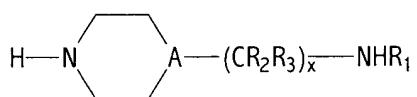
In the case of Mannich condensation products there is unconverted amine and amine-formaldehyde intermediate present that will vary in concentration according to the particular amine used in the Mannich synthesis. The
15 unconverted amine and amine-formaldehyde intermediate can react with the rust inhibitor, typically a complex organic acid made from natural products such as wood, and form a precipitate and haze. It is possible for such interactions to occur with other components in the fuel additive composition. None of the references above discusses this aspect of Mannich condensation
20 products and how to design a Mannich condensation product for fuel additive applications that maximizes the deposit control performance while minimizing the compatibility problems encountered with fuel additives formulated from a variety of components.

25 **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

It has now been discovered that a certain combination of a specific Mannich condensation product, a hydrocarbyl-terminated poly(oxyalkylene) monool, and a carboxylic acid affords a unique fuel additive composition which
30 provides excellent control of engine deposits, particularly engine intake system deposits, such as intake valve deposits. Optionally, the fuel additive composition of the present invention may also contain a polyolefin.

Accordingly, the present invention provides a novel fuel additive composition comprising:

5 a) a Mannich condensation product of (1) a high molecular weight alkyl-substituted hydroxyaromatic compound wherein the alkyl group has a number average molecular weight of from about 300 to about 5,000 (2) an amine having the formula:



10 wherein A is CH or nitrogen, R₁, R₂, R₃ are independently hydrogen or lower alkyl of 1 to about 6 carbon atoms and each R₂ and R₃ is independently selected in each -CR₂R₃- unit, and x is an integer from 1 to about 6;

15 and (3) an aldehyde, wherein the respective molar ratio of reactants (1), (2), and (3) is 1:0.1-2:0.1-2;

15 b) a hydrocarbyl-terminated poly(oxyalkylene) monool having an average molecular weight of about 500 to about 5,000, wherein the oxyalkylene group is a C₂ to C₅ oxyalkylene group and the hydrocarbyl group is a C₁ to C₃₀ hydrocarbyl group; and

20 c) a carboxylic acid as represented by the formula:



or anhydride thereof, wherein R₄ represents a hydrocarbyl group having about 2 to about 50 carbon atoms, and y represents an integer of 1 to about 4.

25 The present invention further provides a fuel composition comprising a major amount of hydrocarbons boiling in the gasoline or diesel range and an

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effective deposit-controlling amount of a fuel additive composition of the present invention.

The present invention still further provides a fuel concentrate comprising an inert stable oleophilic organic solvent boiling in the range of from about 150°F to about 450°F and from about 10 to about 90 weight percent of a fuel additive composition of the present invention.

The present invention yet provides a method of improving the compatibility of a fuel additive composition comprising blending together the components of the fuel additive composition of the present invention.

The present invention provides additionally a method of controlling engine deposits in an internal combustion engine by operating an internal combustion engine with a fuel composition of the present invention.

Among other factors, the present invention is based on the surprising discovery that the unique combination of a Mannich condensation product, a hydrocarbyl-terminated poly(oxyalkylene) monool, a polyolefin, and a carboxylic acid provides excellent control of engine deposits, particularly engine intake system deposits, such as intake valve deposits. Optionally, the fuel additive composition of the present invention may also contain a polyolefin. It is not unusual for small quantities of low molecular weight amine and amine-formaldehyde intermediate (both measured as water-soluble amine) in the Mannich condensation product to interact with organic acid mixtures that are typically used in fuel additive formulations to provide anti-corrosion properties, or to interact with carbon dioxide in the air or in inert storage tank gas blanketing mixtures containing carbon dioxide. The interaction can lead to formation of insoluble material, haze, and flocs. Therefore, it is quite surprising that the formulation compatibility and air sensitivity are greatly improved by the presence of a selected carboxylic acid that interacts with the residual amine. In addition, the selected carboxylic acid provides anti-corrosion properties eliminating the need for adding a separate

rust inhibitor. Thus, the improved compatibility and air sensitivity manifests itself in less insoluble material, haze, and flocs.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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The fuel additive composition of the present invention comprises a Mannich condensation product, a hydrocarbyl-terminated poly(oxyalkylene) monool, a carboxylic acid, and, optionally, a polyolefin.

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Definitions

Prior to discussing the present invention in detail, the following terms will have the following meanings unless expressly stated to the contrary.

15 The term "hydrocarbyl" refers to an organic radical primarily composed of carbon and hydrogen which may be aliphatic, alicyclic, aromatic or combinations thereof, e.g., aralkyl or alkaryl. Such hydrocarbyl groups may also contain aliphatic unsaturation, i.e., olefinic or acetylenic unsaturation, and may contain minor amounts of heteroatoms, such as oxygen or nitrogen, or

20 halogens, such as chlorine. When used in conjunction with carboxylic fatty acids, hydrocarbyl will also include olefinic unsaturation.

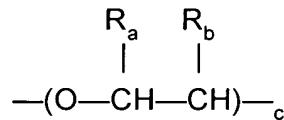
The term "alkyl" refers to both straight- and branched-chain alkyl groups.

25 The term "lower alkyl" refers to alkyl groups having 1 to about 6 carbon atoms and includes primary, secondary and tertiary alkyl groups. Typical lower alkyl groups include, for example, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, t-butyl, n-pentyl, n-hexyl and the like.

30 The term "alkylene" refers to straight- and branched-chain alkylene groups having at least 1 carbon atom. Typical alkylene groups include, for example, methylene (-CH₂-), ethylene (-CH₂CH₂-), propylene (-CH₂CH₂CH₂-), isopropylene (-CH(CH₃)CH₂-), n-butylene (-CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-), sec-butylene (-CH(CH₂CH₃)CH₂-), n-pentylene (-CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-), and the like.

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The term "polyoxyalkylene" refers to a polymer or oligomer having the general formula:



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wherein R_a and R_b are each independently hydrogen or lower alkyl groups, and c is an integer from about 5 to about 100. When referring herein to the number of oxyalkylene units in a particular polyoxyalkylene compound, it is to be understood that this number refers to the average number of oxyalkylene units in such compounds unless expressly stated to the contrary.

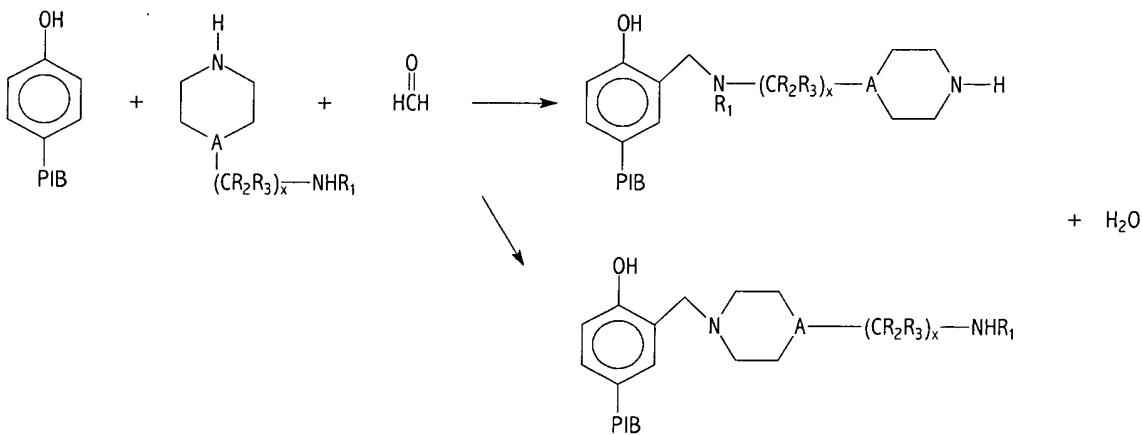
The term "fuel" or "hydrocarbon fuel" refers to normally liquid hydrocarbons having boiling points in the range of gasoline and diesel fuels.

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The Mannich Condensation Product

Mannich reaction products employed in this invention are obtained by condensing an alkyl-substituted hydroxyaromatic compound whose alkyl-substituent has a number average molecular weight of from about 300 to 20 about 5,000, preferably polyalkylphenol whose polyalkyl substituent is derived from 1-mono-olefin polymers having a number average molecular weight of from about 300 to about 5,000, more preferably from about 400 to about 3,000; a cyclic amine containing a primary and secondary amino group or two secondary amino groups; and an aldehyde, preferably formaldehyde, in the 25 presence of a solvent.

The overall reaction may be illustrated by the following:



5 wherein A, R₁, R₂, R₃ and x are as defined herein.

High molecular weight Mannich reaction products useful as additives in the fuel additive compositions of this invention are preferably prepared according to conventional methods employed for the preparation of Mannich condensation products, using the above-named reactants in the respective molar ratios of high molecular weight alkyl-substituted hydroxyaromatic compound, amine, and aldehyde of approximately 1:0.1-2:0.1-2. Preferably, the respective molar ratios will be 1:0.5-1.5:0.5-1.5. More preferably, the respective molar ratios will be 1:0.8-1.3:0.8-1.3. A suitable condensation procedure involves adding at a temperature of from room temperature to about 95°C, the formaldehyde reagent (e.g., formalin) to a mixture of amine and alkyl-substituted hydroxyaromatic compounds alone or in an easily removed organic solvent, such as benzene, xylene, or toluene or in solvent-refined neutral oil, and then heating the reaction mixture at an elevated temperature (about 120°C to about 175°C) while the water of reaction is distilled overhead and separated. The reaction product so obtained is finished by filtration and dilution with solvent as desired.

The most preferred Mannich reaction product additives employed in this invention are derived from high molecular weight Mannich condensation products, formed by reacting an alkylphenol, an amine of the present invention, and a formaldehyde affording reactants in the respective molar ratio

5 of 1:1:1.05, wherein the alkyl group of the alkylphenol has a number average weight of from about 300 to about 5,000.

Representative of the high molecular weight alkyl-substituted hydroxyaromatic compounds are polypropylphenol, polybutylphenol, and other

10 polyalkylphenols, with polyisobutylphenol being the most preferred. Polyalkylphenols may be obtained by the alkylation, in the presence of an alkylating catalyst such as BF_3 , of phenol with high molecular weight polypropylene, polybutylene, and other polyalkylene compounds to give alkyl substituents on the benzene ring of phenol having a number average

15 molecular weight of from about 300 to about 5,000.

The alkyl substituents on the hydroxyaromatic compounds may be derived from high molecular weight polypropylenes, polybutenes, and other polymers of mono-olefins, principally 1-mono-olefins. Also useful are copolymers of

20 mono-olefins with monomers copolymerizable therewith, wherein the copolymer molecule contains at least about 90% by weight of mono-olefin units. Specific examples are copolymers of butenes (1-butene, 2-butene, and isobutylene) with monomers copolymerizable therewith wherein the copolymer molecule contains at least about 90% by weight of propylene and

25 butene units, respectively. Said monomers copolymerizable with propylene or said butenes include monomers containing a small proportion of unreactive polar groups, such as chloro, bromo, keto, ether, or aldehyde, which do not appreciably lower the oil-solubility of the polymer. The comonomers polymerized with propylene or said butenes may be aliphatic and can also

30 contain non-aliphatic groups, e.g., styrene, methylstyrene, p-dimethylstyrene, divinyl benzene, and the like. From the foregoing limitation placed on the monomer copolymerized with propylene or said butenes, it is clear that said polymers and copolymers of propylene and said butenes are substantially aliphatic hydrocarbon polymers. Thus, the resulting alkylated phenols contain

substantially alkyl hydrocarbon substituents having a number average molecular weight of from about 300 to about 5,000.

In addition to the foregoing high molecular weight hydroxyaromatic

5 compounds, other phenolic compounds which may be used include, high molecular weight alkyl-substituted derivatives of resorcinol, hydroquinone, cresol, cathechol, xylanol, hydroxy-di-phenyl, benzylphenol, phenethylphenol, naphthol, tolylnaphthol, among others. Preferred for the preparation of such preferred Mannich condensation products are the polyalkylphenol reactants,

10 e.g., polypropylphenol and polybutylphenol, particularly polyisobutylphenol, whose alkyl group has a number average molecular weight of about 300 to about 5,000, preferably about 400 to about 3,000, more preferably about 500 to about 2,000, and most preferably about 700 to about 1,500.

15 As noted above, the polyalkyl substituent on the polyalkyl hydroxyaromatic compounds employed in the invention may be generally derived from polyolefins which are polymers or copolymers of mono-olefins, particularly 1-mono-olefins, such as ethylene, propylene, butylene, and the like. Preferably, the mono-olefin employed will have about 2 to about 24 carbon

20 atoms, and more preferably, about 3 to about 12 carbon atoms. More preferred mono-olefins include propylene, butylene, particularly isobutylene, 1-octene and 1-decene. Polyolefins prepared from such mono-olefins include polypropylene, polybutene, especially polyisobutene, and the polyalphaolefins produced from 1-octene and 1-decene.

25 The preferred polyisobutenes used to prepare the presently employed polyalkyl hydroxyaromatic compounds are polyisobutenes which comprise at least about 20% of the more reactive methylvinylidene isomer, preferably at least about 50% and more preferably at least about 70% methylvinylidene

30 isomer. Suitable polyisobutenes include those prepared using BF_3 catalysts. The preparation of such polyisobutenes in which the methylvinylidene isomer comprises a high percentage of the total composition is described in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,152,499 and 4,605,808.

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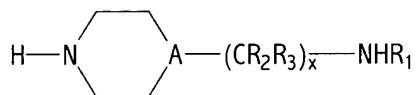
Examples of suitable polyisobutenes having a high alkylvinylidene content include Ultravis 10, a polyisobutene having a molecular weight of about 950 and a methylvinylidene content of about 76%, and Ultravis 30, a polyisobutene having a molecular weight of about 1,300 and a 5 methylvinylidene content of about 74%, both available from British Petroleum, and Glissopal 1000, 1300, and 2200, available from BASF.

The preferred configuration of the alkyl-substituted hydroxyaromatic compound is that of a para-substituted mono-alkylphenol. However, any 10 alkylphenol readily reactive in the Mannich condensation reaction may be employed. Accordingly, ortho mono-alkylphenols and dialkylphenols are suitable for use in this invention.

Another important consideration in the present invention is the choice of the 15 amine used to make the Mannich condensation product. When one and only one nitrogen in the amine is available for the Mannich condensation reaction (for example, 3-(dimethylamino)propylamine, as disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,634,951), the concentration of unconverted amine and amine-formaldehyde intermediate are relatively low. On the other hand, an amine like 20 diethylenetriamine contains two primary and one secondary nitrogens. The Mannich base made from diethylenetriamine under the same conditions as the prior art case will have an excessive amount of unconverted amine that is too expensive to remove or to stabilize with oleic acid. The amines used in the present invention will result in the unconverted amine being at a 25 manageable concentration in the Mannich condensation product, namely about the same concentration as obtained with 3-(dimethylamino)propylamine. Thus, we have surprisingly found that amines of a particular structure that have both a primary and a secondary nitrogen or two secondary nitrogens available for the Mannich condensation reaction give 30 the same relatively low amount of unconverted amine as does the prior art case using an amine with only one primary or secondary amino group. In addition, deposit control performance is excellent and formulation compatibility is greatly improved by the addition of a selected carboxylic acid.

The amine of the present invention contains both a primary and a secondary reactive amino group or two secondary amino groups that can participate in the Mannich reaction. The general structure of the amine is illustrated by the following formula:

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wherein A is CH or nitrogen, R₁, R₂, R₃ are independently hydrogen or lower alkyl having from 1 to about 6 carbon atoms, and x is an integer 1 to about 6.

- 10 Preferably, A is CH or nitrogen, R₁ is hydrogen, R₂ and R₃ are independently hydrogen or lower alkyl having from 1 to about 4 carbon atoms, and x is an integer 1 to about 4. More preferably, A is CH or nitrogen, R₁ is hydrogen, R₂ and R₃ are independently hydrogen or lower alkyl having from 1 to about 2 carbon atoms, and x is an integer of about 2. Most preferably, A is nitrogen,
- 15 R₁, R₂, R₃ are hydrogen, and x is an integer of about 2. In each of the preceding, each R₂ and R₃ is independently selected in each -CR₂R₃- unit.

Examples of amines are 1-piperazinemethanamine, 1-piperazineethanamine, 1-piperazinepropanamine, 1-piperazinebutanamine, α -methyl-1-

- 20 piperazinepropanamine, N-ethyl-1-piperazineethanamine, N-(1,4-dimethylpentyl)-1-piperazineethanamine, 1-[2-(dodecylamino)ethyl]-piperazine, 1-[2-(tetradecylamino)ethyl]-piperazine, 4-piperidinemethanamine, 4-piperidineethanamine, 4-piperidinebutanamine, and N-phenyl-4-piperidinepropanamine. The most preferred amine of the Mannich
- 25 condensation product of the present invention is 1-piperazineethanamine or 1-(2-aminoethyl)piperazine (AEP).

Representative aldehydes for use in the preparation of the high molecular weight Mannich reaction products employed in this invention include the

- 30 aliphatic aldehydes such as formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, propionaldehyde, butyraldehyde, valeraldehyde, caproaldehyde, heptaldehyde, and

stearaldehyde. Aromatic aldehydes which may be used include benzaldehyde and salicylaldehyde. Illustrative heterocyclic aldehydes for use herein are furfural and thiophene aldehyde, etc. Also useful are formaldehyde-producing reagents such as paraformaldehyde, or aqueous 5 formaldehyde solutions such as formalin. Most preferred is formaldehyde or formalin.

The Hydrocarbyl-Terminated Poly(oxyalkylene) Monool

10 The hydrocarbyl-terminated poly(oxyalkylene) polymers employed in the present invention are monohydroxy compounds, i.e., alcohols, often termed monohydroxy polyethers, or polyalkylene glycol monohydrocarbylethers, or “capped” poly(oxyalkylene) glycols and are to be distinguished from the poly(oxyalkylene) glycols (diols), or polyols, which are not hydrocarbyl- 15 terminated, i.e., not capped. The hydrocarbyl-terminated poly(oxyalkylene) alcohols are produced by the addition of lower alkylene oxides, such as ethylene oxide, propylene oxide, the butylene oxides, or the pentylene oxides to the hydroxy compound R_3OH under polymerization conditions, wherein R_3 is the hydrocarbyl group which caps the poly(oxyalkylene) chain. Methods of 20 production and properties of these polymers are disclosed in U.S. Pat. Nos. 2,841,479 and 2,782,240 and Kirk-Othmer's “Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology”, 2nd Ed Volume 19, p. 507. In the polymerization reaction, a single type of alkylene oxide may be employed, e.g., propylene oxide, in which case the product is a homopolymer, e.g., a poly(oxyalkylene) propanol. 25 However, copolymers are equally satisfactory and random copolymers are readily prepared by contacting the hydroxyl-containing compound with a mixture of alkylene oxides, such as a mixture of propylene and butylene oxides. Block copolymers of oxyalkylene units also provide satisfactory poly(oxyalkylene) polymers for the practice of the present invention. Random 30 polymers are more easily prepared when the reactivities of the oxides are relatively equal. In certain cases, when ethylene oxide is copolymerized with other oxides, the higher reaction rate of ethylene oxide makes the preparation of random copolymers difficult. In either case, block copolymers can be prepared. Block copolymers are prepared by contacting the hydroxyl-

containing compound with first one alkylene oxide, then the others in any order, or repetitively, under polymerization conditions. A particular block copolymer is represented by a polymer prepared by polymerizing propylene oxide on a suitable monohydroxy compound to form a poly(oxypropylene) 5 alcohol and then polymerizing butylene oxide on the poly(oxyalkylene) alcohol.

In general, the poly(oxyalkylene) polymers are mixtures of compounds that 10 differ in polymer chain length. However, their properties closely approximate those of the polymer represented by the average composition and molecular weight.

The polyethers employed in this invention can be represented by the formula:

15 $R_5O-(R_6O)_z-H$

wherein R_5 is a hydrocarbyl group of from 1 to about 30 carbon atoms; R_6 is a C₂ to C₅ alkylene group; and z is an integer such that the molecular weight of the polyether is from about 500 to about 5,000.

20 Preferably, R_5 is a C₇ to C₃₀ alkylphenyl group. Most preferably, R_5 is dodecylphenyl.

25 Preferably, R_6 is a C₃ or C₄ alkylene group. Most preferably, R_6 is a C₃ alkylene group.

Preferably, the polyether has a molecular weight of from about 750 to about 3,000; and more preferably from about 900 to about 1,500.

30 The Carboxylic Acid

The fuel additive composition of the present invention further contains a carboxylic acid compound. The carboxylic acid to be employed in the invention preferably is a compound which is represented by the formula:



or anhydride thereof, wherein R_4 represents a hydrocarbyl group having about 5 to about 50 carbon atoms, and y represents an integer of 1 to about 4.

The preferred hydrocarbyl groups are aliphatic groups, such as an alkyl group or an alkenyl group, which may have a straight chain or a branched chain. Examples of preferred carboxylic acids are aliphatic acids having about 8 to 10 about 30 carbon atoms and include caprylic acid, pelargonic acid, capric acid, lauric acid, myristic acid, palmitic acid, margaric acid, stearic acid, isostearic acid, arachidic acid, behenic acid, lignoceric acid, cerotic acid, montanic acid, melissic acid, caproleic acid, palmitoleic acid, oleic acid, eraidic acid, linolic acid, linoleic acid, fatty acid or coconut oil, fatty acid of hardened fish oil, fatty acid of hardened rapeseed oil, fatty acid of hardened tallow oil, and fatty acid of hardened palm oil. The examples further include dodecetyl succinic acid and its anhydride. Preferably, the carboxylic acid is oleic acid.

The Polyolefin Polymer

20 The fuel additive composition of the present invention may further contain a polyolefin. When a polyolefin polymer component is employed in the fuel additive composition of the invention, it is a polyolefin polymer of a C_2 to C_6 mono-olefin, wherein the polyolefin polymer has a number average molecular 25 weight of about 500 to about 3,000. The polyolefin polymer may be a homopolymer or a copolymer. Block copolymers are also suitable for use in this invention.

In general, the polyolefin polymer will have a number average molecular 30 weight of about 500 to about 3,000, preferably about 700 to about 2,500, and more preferably from about 750 to about 1,800. Particularly preferred polyolefin polymers will have a number average molecular weight of about 750 to about 1,500.

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The polyolefin polymers employed in the present invention are generally polyolefins that are polymers or copolymers of mono-olefins, particularly 1-mono-olefins, such as ethylene, propylene, butylene, and the like. Preferably, the mono-olefin employed will have about 2 to about 4 carbon atoms, and

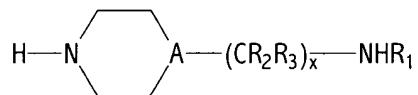
5 more preferably, about 3 to about 4 carbon atoms. More preferred mono-olefins include propylene and butylene, particularly isobutylene. Polyolefins prepared from such mono-olefins include polypropylene and polybutene, especially polyisobutene.

10 Examples of suitable polyisobutenes include conventional polyisobutenes having a number average molecular weight of about 700 to about 2,500, such as Parapol 950, a polyisobutene having a number average molecular weight of about 950, available from ExxonMobil Chemical Company.

15 Improved Compatibility

One aspect of the present invention is a method of improving the compatibility of a fuel additive composition which comprises blending together:

20 a) a Mannich condensation product of (1) a high molecular weight alkyl-substituted hydroxyaromatic compound wherein the alkyl group has a number average molecular weight of from about 300 to about 5,000 (2) an amine having the formula:



25 wherein A, R₁, R₂, R₃, and x is as herein defined above.

and (3) an aldehyde, wherein the respective molar ratio of reactants (1), (2), and (3) is 1:0.1-2:0.1-2;

b) a hydrocarbyl-terminated poly(oxyalkylene) monool having an average molecular weight of about 500 to about 5,000, wherein the oxyalkylene group is a C₂ to C₅ oxyalkylene group and the hydrocarbyl group is a C₁ to C₃₀ hydrocarbyl group; and

5 c) a carboxylic acid as represented by the formula:



10 or anhydride thereof, wherein R_4 represents a hydrocarbyl group having about 2 to about 50 carbon atoms, and y represents an integer of 1 to about 4; wherein the Mannich condensation product and the carboxylic acid are blended together at a temperature ranging from about room temperature (about 20°C) to about 100°C.

In general, the amount of carboxylic acid is 1 to about 15%, more preferably, about 2 to about 10%, most preferably about 3 to about 8 %, of the weight of the Mannich condensation product, or there is preferably about 0.2 to about 2.5, more preferably, about 0.3 to about 1.6, and most preferably, about 0.5 to about 1.3, equivalents of carboxylic acid per equivalent of water-soluble amine in the Mannich condensation product.

20 In fuel additive applications, the presence of small amounts of low molecular weight amine in dispersant components such as the Mannich condensation product can lead to formulation incompatibilities (for example, with certain corrosion inhibitors or demulsifiers) and air sensitivity (for example, reaction with carbon dioxide in the air). For example, corrosion inhibitors are typically 25 complex mixtures of organic acids of wide molecular weight range. These can react with low amounts (<1 wt%) of low molecular weight amines in the Mannich component at room temperature to form insoluble salts and at higher temperatures to form insoluble amides. Formulation incompatibility and air sensitivity are manifested by formation of haze, floc, solids, and/or gelatinous 30 material in the formulation over time. The incompatibility may occur in the absence of air. Consequently, the manufacturing process for amine

components of fuel additive formulations may include a step to remove low molecular weight amines to low levels, or the compatibility issue may be addressed during formulation. However, the unique chemistry of Mannich condensation products must be considered with either approach. In 5 particular, the chemical equilibrium can generate additional low molecular weight amines if the product is heated too much during the purification step or after a formulation has been prepared. Therefore, there is a need for either an economical process to reduce the unconverted amine and the amine-formaldehyde intermediate to a low level after the Mannich reaction or a 10 chemical scavenger that renders the unconverted amine harmless to formulation compatibility. The carboxylic acid treatment of the Mannich condensation product of the present invention provides improved compatibility with other additives in the desired finished fuel additive composition.

Compatibility in this instance generally means that the components in the 15 present invention as well as being fuel soluble in the applicable treat rate also do not cause other additives to precipitate under normal conditions. The improved compatibility manifests itself in less insoluble material, haze, and flocs.

20 Fuel Compositions

The fuel additive composition of the present invention will generally be employed in hydrocarbon fuels to prevent and control engine deposits, particularly intake valve deposits, in internal combustion engines, including, 25 but not limited to, Direct Injection Spark Ignition engines. Typically, the desired control of engine deposits will be achieved by operating an internal combustion engine with a fuel composition containing the additive composition of the present invention. The proper concentration of additive necessary to achieve the desired control of engine deposits varies depending 30 upon the type of fuel employed, the type of engine, engine oil, operating conditions and the presence of other fuel additives.

Generally, the present fuel additive composition will be employed in a hydrocarbon fuel in a concentration ranging from about 31 to about 4,000

parts per million (ppm) by weight, preferably from about 51 to about 2,500 ppm.

In terms of individual components, hydrocarbon fuel containing the fuel

- 5 additive composition of the present invention will generally contain about 20 to about 1,000 ppm, preferably about 30 to about 400 ppm, of the Mannich condensation product component, about 10 to about 4,000 ppm, preferably about 20 to about 800 ppm, of the hydrocarbyl-terminated poly(oxyalkylene) monool component, and 1 to about 100, preferably 1 to about 20 ppm of the carboxylic acid. The weight ratio of the Mannich condensation product to hydrocarbyl-terminated poly(oxyalkylene) monool to carboxylic acid will generally range from about 100:50:1 to about 100:400:10, and will preferably be about 100:50:1 to about 100:300:5.
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- 15 When a polyolefin is employed in the fuel additive composition of the present invention, the hydrocarbon fuel containing the fuel additive composition will generally contain about 20 to about 1,000 ppm, preferably about 30 to about 400 ppm, of the Mannich condensation product component, about 5 to about 2,000 ppm, preferably about 10 to about 400 ppm, of the hydrocarbyl-terminated poly(oxyalkylene) monool component, about 5 to about 2,000 ppm, preferably about 10 to about 400 ppm of the polyolefin, and 1 to about 100, preferably 1 to about 20 ppm of the carboxylic acid. The weight ratio of the Mannich condensation product to hydrocarbyl-terminated poly(oxyalkylene) monool to carboxylic acid will generally range from about 100:25:25:1 to about 100:200:200:10, and will preferably be about 100:25:25:1 to about 100:150:150:5.
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Preferably, the Mannich condensation product and carboxylic acid will be blended together at a temperature ranging from about room temperature (about 20°C) to about 100°C, more preferably from about room temperature to about 75°C, and most preferably, from about room temperature to about 60°C.

The fuel additive composition of the present invention may be formulated as a concentrate using an inert stable oleophilic (i.e., dissolves in gasoline) organic

solvent boiling in the range of about 150°F to about 450°F (about 65°C to about 232°C). Preferably, an aliphatic or an aromatic hydrocarbon solvent is used, such as benzene, toluene, xylene, or higher-boiling aromatics or aromatic thinners. Aliphatic alcohols containing about 3 to about 13 carbon atoms, such as isopropanol, isobutylcarbinol, n-butanol, 2-ethylhexanol, tert-butyl alcohol, decyl alcohol, tridecyl alcohol and the like, in combination with hydrocarbon solvents are also suitable for use with the present additives. In the concentrate, the amount of the additive will generally range from about 10 to about 70 weight percent, preferably about 10 to about 50 weight percent, more preferably from about 20 to about 40 weight percent.

In gasoline fuels, other fuel additives may be employed with the additive composition of the present invention, including, for example, oxygenates, such as t-butyl methyl ether, antiknock agents, such as

15 methylcyclopentadienyl manganese tricarbonyl, and other dispersants/detergents, such as hydrocarbyl amines, or succinimides. Additionally, antioxidants, corrosion inhibitors, metal deactivators, demulsifiers, other inhibitors, and carburetor or fuel injector detergents may be present.

20 In diesel fuels, other well-known additives can be employed, such as pour point depressants, flow improvers, lubricity improvers, cetane improvers, and the like.

25 The gasoline and diesel fuels employed with the fuel additive composition of the present invention include clean burning gasoline where levels of sulfur, aromatics, and olefins range from typical amounts to only trace amounts and clean burning diesel fuel where levels of sulfur and aromatics range from typical amounts to only trace amounts.

30 A fuel-soluble, nonvolatile carrier fluid or oil may also be used with the fuel additive composition of this invention. The carrier fluid is a chemically inert hydrocarbon-soluble liquid vehicle which substantially increases the nonvolatile residue (NVR), or solvent-free liquid fraction of the fuel additive

composition while not overwhelmingly contributing to octane requirement increase. The carrier fluid may be a natural or synthetic fluid, such as mineral oil, refined petroleum oils, synthetic polyalkanes and alkenes, including hydrogenated and unhydrogenated polyalphaolefins, and synthetic

5 polyoxyalkylene-derived fluids, such as those described, for example, in U.S. Patent No. 4,191,537 to Lewis, and polyesters, such as those described, for example, in U.S. Patent Nos. 3,756,793 to Robinson and 5,004,478 to Vogel et al., and in European Patent Application Nos. 356,726, published March 7, 1990, and 382,159, published August 16, 1990.

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These carrier fluids are believed to act as a carrier for the fuel additive composition of the present invention and to assist in the control of engine deposits, particularly engine intake system deposits, such as the intake valves. The carrier fluid may also exhibit synergistic engine deposit control

15 properties when used in combination with the fuel additive composition of this invention.

The carrier fluids are typically employed in amounts ranging from about 25 to about 5,000 ppm by weight of the hydrocarbon fuel, preferably from about 100 to about 3,000 ppm of the fuel. Preferably, the ratio of carrier fluid to fuel additive will range from about 0.2:1 to about 10:1, more preferably from about 0.5:1 to about 3:1.

When employed in a fuel concentrate, carrier fluids will generally be present in amounts ranging from about 20 to about 60 weight percent, preferably from about 30 to about 50 weight percent.

EXAMPLES

30 The invention will be further illustrated by the following examples, which set forth particularly advantageous specific embodiments of the present invention. While the examples are provided to illustrate the present invention, it is not intended to limit it.

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In the following examples and tables, the components of the fuel additive composition are defined as follows:

5 A. The term "Mannich" refers to a Mannich condensation product made from the reaction of polyisobutylphenol, an amine of the present invention, and paraformaldehyde in a ratio of 1:0.1-2:0.1-2 prepared in the manner as described in Example 1. The polyisobutylphenol was produced from polyisobutylene containing at least 70% methylvinylidene isomer as described in U.S. Patent No. 5,300,701.

10 B. The term "POPA" refers to a dodecylphenyl-terminated poly(oxypropylene) monool having an average molecular weight of about 1,000.

15 C. The Oleic Acid was available as Edenor Ti 05 or Emersol 221 from Cognis Corporation as well as from J. T. Baker Company and other suppliers.

20 D. The term "950 MW PIB" refers to a 950 molecular weight conventional polyisobutylene, such as Parapol 950 from Exxon-Mobil Chemical Company.

EXAMPLE 1 – MANNICH CONDENSATION PRODUCT

Several diluted Mannich condensation products using polyisobutylphenol, 1-(2-aminoethyl)piperazine (AEP), and various amounts of paraformaldehyde (PF) were prepared. Table 1 lists the Mannich samples where CMR is the charge mole ratio of polyisobutylphenol:AEP:paraformaldehyde, %N is the total nitrogen content, %NVR is the nonvolatile residue, WSA is the water-soluble amine content of the Mannich in milliequivalents per gram. Water-soluble amine is measured as described later in Example 1 and is an indicator of the amount of unconverted amine and amine-formaldehyde intermediate.

Table 1. Mannich Samples Made at various Charge Mole Ratios

Sample	Amine	CMR	%N	% NVR	WSA
1A	AEP	1:1:1.05	2.60	70.1	0.219
1B	AEP	1:1:1.05	2.55	69.6	0.207
1C	AEP	1:1:1.33	2.52	70.7	0.114
1D	AEP	1:1:2	2.44	71.4	0.023

The following procedure based on a charge mole ratio of 1:1:1.05 polyisobutylphenol:AEP:PF illustrates the synthesis procedure.

5 2738 g of a solution of polyisobutylphenol in C9 aromatic solvent (Solvarex 9
10 manufactured by TotalFinaElf) was charged to a 5-L cylindrical glass reactor
15 equipped with baffles, agitator, heating mantle, condenser, Dean-Stark trap,
20 temperature and pressure control system. The polyisobutylphenol was
25 produced from polyisobutylene containing at least 70% methylvinylidene
30 isomer as described in U.S. Patent No. 5,300,701. The polyisobutylphenol
35 solution had a nonvolatile residue content of 73.9% and a hydroxyl number of
40 41.4 mg KOH/g. The diluted polyisobutylphenol was warmed to 60-65°C and
45 then 263.9 g of 1-(2-aminoethyl)piperazine (AEP) was pumped from a 500-mL
50 burette into the reactor over 10 minutes. 160 g of Exxon Aromatic 100 solvent
55 was added to the burette to flush any remaining amine into the reactor. The
60 AEP had an assay of 99.0% was charged to the reactor in the ratio 1.0 mole
65 of AEP per mole of polyisobutylphenol. The AEP was thoroughly mixed with
70 the polyisobutylphenol for 15 minutes, and then 68.9 g of paraformaldehyde
75 (prill form, 92.5% purity, from Hoechst-Celanese) was quickly charged to the
80 reactor. This amount of paraformaldehyde corresponded to 1.05 moles of
85 formaldehyde per mole of polyisobutylphenol. The reactor headspace was
90 purged continuously with nitrogen at about 100 cm³/min while holding the
95 reactor at atmospheric pressure. After agitating the reaction mixture for 15
100 minutes, the temperature was increased to 175°C over 1.6 hours. As
105 byproduct water formed, water and solvent vapor distilled from the reactor and
110 passed up through the condenser to the Dean-Stark receiver. The byproduct
115 water and solvent were separated in the receiver and the solvent returned to
120 the reactor once the receiver was filled. The reaction mixture was held at
125 175°C for 5 hours and the pressure controlled at atmospheric pressure with

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nitrogen purge. Most of the byproduct water was removed within the first two hours of the hold period and the reflux eventually stopped. At the end of the hold period, the nitrogen was turned off, the pressure was lowered to 9-10 psia and the reactor heated to maintain temperature so as to cause refluxing

5 for approximately 30 minutes. This removed a small amount of additional byproduct water. The crude reaction product was cooled to ambient temperature and a 69.4-g sample of crude was found to contain 0.05 vol% sediment and 75.8% nonvolatile residue (about 24.2% solvent). The overhead receiver contained 44.8 g of aqueous phase and 90.3 g of solvent

10 phase. 250 g of Exxon Aromatic 100 solvent and 10 g of Manville HyFlo Super Cel filter-aid were mixed into the crude product at about 60-65°C. The crude was filtered using a cylindrical pressure filter having an area of $1.113 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^2$ and precoated with 16 g of HyFlo Super Cel filter-aid. The crude was filtered at 65°C and 90 psig and gave a filtrate rate of 857 kg/h/m².

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The filtered Mannich condensation product was clear (0% haze using Nippon Denshoku Model 300A haze meter) and was light gold in color (2.0 by ASTM D1500). A 3-gram sample of the Mannich condensation product was diluted with 100 mL of hexane and 0.1 mL of demulsifier and then extracted twice

20 with 40 mL of warm water. The water extract was titrated with 0.1 N hydrochloric acid. The water-soluble amine content was measured as 0.219 mEq/g.

EXAMPLE 2 (COMPARATIVE) - COMPATIBILITY AND AIR SENSITIVITY 25 OF FORMULATIONS WITH MANNICH CONDENSATION PRODUCTS

A standard test formulation was blended at room temperature with Mannich condensation products, similar to those in Example 1, and was used to test the effect of water-soluble amine concentration in the Mannich product on the

30 compatibility and air sensitivity of the formulation. Polybutene was not included in the formulation since we were primarily concerned with the interaction between the Mannich condensation product and the corrosion inhibitor or the demulsifier. The objective was to uncover interactions with these particular formulation components or with air that results in the

formation of haze, floc, and sediment in the formulation, thus degrading its appearance. The standard test formulation is shown in Table 2. Light alkylate solvent is an aromatic solvent manufactured by Chevron Oronite S.A.

5 **Table 2. Typical Compatibility and Air Sensitivity Test Formulation**

Component	Weight Percent
Mannich condensation product	30
Light alkylate solvent	38.8
Synthetic carrier fluid (POPA)	30
Demulsifier	0.4
Corrosion inhibitor	0.8

Mannich condensation product formulation compatibility is measured at room temperature in a 100-mL cylindrical oil sample bottle made of clear glass and filled with the formulation. A cork is inserted into the mouth of the bottle to 10 keep out air. The sample is stored in a rack open to the light in the room. Two qualitative visual rating scales are used; one for fluid appearance with ratings in the range of 0 to 6, and one for the amount of sedimentation with ratings in the range 0 to 4. A low rating number indicates good compatibility and a high rating number indicates poor compatibility. For example, an 15 appearance rating of 6 means the formulation contained heavy cloud (close to opaque). A rating of 4 for sedimentation indicates the presence of a large amount of sediment in the bottom of the bottle. The typical requirement for a pass in this test is a fluid appearance rating in the range of 0 to 2 (absolutely bright to slight cloud) and a sedimentation rating 0 to 1 (no sediment to very 20 slight sediment).

The air sensitivity of the test formulation containing treated Mannich condensation product is measured at room temperature using about 100 g of sample in a 250-mL beaker that is open to the air. A 500-mL beaker is 25 inverted over the 250-mL beaker to keep out air drafts that would quickly cause solvent evaporation, while still allowing equilibration with the surrounding air. The beaker is weighed at the end to make sure the weight

loss due to solvent evaporation is less than about 5%. If enough solvent is lost, phase separation can occur. The air sensitivity test uses the same rating scales as the compatibility test. Both tests are supplemented when possible with haze measurements using a Nippon Denshoku Model 300A haze meter.

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Diluted Mannich condensation products from Example 1 were evaluated in the compatibility test for up to 30 days as shown in Table 3. The diluted Mannich condensation product samples from Examples 1A and 1C caused failures in the formulation compatibility test by 30 days, while formulations from the 10 product of Example 1D passed the compatibility test through 30 days. Table 3 shows that the compatibility improves as the amount of water-soluble amine in the Mannich condensation product decreases. Samples that have water-soluble amine concentrations below about 0.05 mEq/g pass the compatibility test after 30 days.

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The percent haze after 30 days for the three formulations in Table 3 decreased as the water-soluble amine in the Mannich condensation product decreased. The amount of water-soluble amine in the Mannich condensation product from Example 1D was low enough that there was no problem passing 20 the formulation compatibility test at 30 days. Percent haze over about 10 to 20% is very noticeable by the naked eye and is considered unacceptable.

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The sediment formed in a typical Mannich formulation was analyzed by Infrared spectroscopy (IR) and nuclear magnetic spectroscopy (NMR). The results indicated that the haze and sediment were caused by a reaction of the carboxylic acid corrosion inhibitor with the residual amine in the Mannich condensation product.

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Comparative air sensitivity tests were also conducted on formulations with the Mannich condensation products from Example 1. The results are shown in Table 4. Only formulations made with Mannich condensation product containing low amounts of water-soluble amine passed the air sensitivity test, namely, the test formulation made from Example 1D.

Table 3. Comparative Test Formulation Compatibility with Untreated Mannich Condensation Product

Example ^a	WSA ^b	Blend Number	Fluid/Sediment Rating in Compatibility Test			%Haze (30-days)
			Initial	7-days	30-days	
1A	0.219	151	6/0	6/0	6/3	48.9
1C	0.114	138	2/0	3/1	3/4	19.8
1D	0.023	134	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.2

^aSee Table 1 of Example 1.

^bWater-soluble amine content.

5 Table 4. Comparative Test Formulation Air Sensitivity with Untreated Mannich Condensation Product

Example ^a	WSA ^b	Blend Number	Fluid/Sediment Rating in Air Sensitivity Test			%Haze (30-days)
			Initial	7-days	30-days	
1A	0.219	151	6/0	6/0	3/3	21.8
1C	0.114	138	2/0	3/1	2/2	7.8
1D	0.023	134	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.5

^aSee Table 1 of Example 1.

^bWater-soluble amine content.

10 EXAMPLE 3 – IMPROVEMENT OF TEST FORMULATION COMPATIBILITY AND AIR SENSITIVITY USING MANNICH CONDENSATION PRODUCT STABILIZED WITH OLEIC ACID

Diluted Mannich condensation product of Example 1A was “stabilized” with various amounts of oleic acid and evaluated in the standard test formulation for compatibility up to 30 days as follows. 65 g of the filtered Mannich condensation product was added to a 250-450-mL beaker on a stir plate. 5.2 g of oleic acid from Baker Chemical was added at room temperature and

stirred with the filtered Mannich condensation product. This yielded a “stabilized” Mannich condensation product. The remaining fuel additive formulation ingredients were added into the beaker sequentially with one minute of stirring between each component addition. Temperatures above 5 about 100°C for the oleic acid treatment of the Mannich are not recommended because the Mannich will tend to equilibrate and generate more amine and amine-formaldehyde intermediate. Table 5 shows the results of these tests. In Table 5, “3% oleic acid” means that 100 g of Mannich condensation product of Example 1A was combined with 3 g of oleic acid. These data show that 3% 10 oleic acid is enough to stabilize the Mannich condensation product from Example 1A in the formulation compatibility test for 30-days. Adding more oleic acid than 3% does not hurt the standard test formulation compatibility.

15 **Table 5. Test Formulation Compatibility of Mannich Condensation Product from Example 1 Treated With Oleic Acid**

Blend #	% Oleic Acid	Fluid/Sediment Rating in Compatibility Test						%Haze (30-days)
		1-day	3-days	7-days	14-days	21-days	30-days	
144	3	0/0		0/0	0/0		1/0	3.6
176	8	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0
177	10	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0

15 We would expect the diluted Mannich condensation product in Example 1C to respond the same way as Example 1A to the oleic acid treatment since Example 1A is a more severe case in terms of the amount of unconverted 20 amine. Example 1C Mannich condensation product contains about half as much unconverted amine as Example 1A Mannich condensation product.

25 The Mannich condensation product of Example 1A was “stabilized” with various amounts of oleic acid as described in Example 3 and evaluated in test formulation air sensitivity tests for 30 days. Table 6 shows the results of these tests. The air sensitivity test is much more difficult to pass at 30-days than the compatibility test. While all amounts of oleic acid from 3-10% resulted in a

significant improvement of test formulation air sensitivity, Table 6 shows that 8% oleic acid is needed to pass the test at 30-days.

Using a maximum fluid/sediment rating of 2/1 as a pass in the test, the test 5 formulation air sensitivity in Table 6 was acceptable up to about 7 days for Blend 144, 14 days for Blends 156-157, and 30 days for Blend 158. Blends 176-177 easily passed the air sensitivity test at 30 days. All of these formulations did well in the test compared to Blend 151 in Table 4.

10 **Table 6. Test Formulation Air Sensitivity of Mannich Condensation Product from Example 1 Treated With Oleic Acid**

Blend #	% Oleic Acid	Fluid/Sediment Rating in Air Sensitivity Test						%Haze (30-days)
		1-day	3-days	7-days	14-days	21-days	30-days	
144	3	0/0		3/0	3/2		2/3	7.1
156	4	1/0	1/0	1/1	0/2	0/2	1/2	3.3
157	5	0/0	1/0	1/1	0/2	0/2	1/2	3.1
158	6	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/1	0/1	1/2	2.7
176	8	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.1
177	10	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0.0

None of these samples exhibit typical sediment, but rather the formation of very small gelatinous droplets that accumulate on the bottom and the side of 15 the beaker at the air interface. It appears the material forms at the air interface and some of it settles to the bottom of the beaker. In previous work, a sample of the gelatinous material from a formulation made with a diethylenetriamine (DETA)-Mannich condensation product was recovered and analyzed by IR, proton-NMR, and carbon-NMR. It was determined to be a 20 DETA-carbamate salt formed by the reaction of CO₂ in the air with DETA. Therefore, we believe the unconverted amine in the AEP-Mannich also reacts with CO₂ in the air to form a gelatinous carbamate salt.

The air sensitivity test is a very severe test for a fuel additive formulation, and 25 in some cases may be unnecessary. For example, if the formulation is stored in a tank in which the vapor space is purged with nitrogen, then the

applicability of this test is questionable. In the case of incidental exposure to air of the formulation in a tank with high turnover, certainly the Mannich condensation product of Example 1 with 3-4% oleic acid would ensure adequate air sensitivity as well as formulation compatibility during the storage period.

EXAMPLE 4 - FORD 2.3L ENGINE DYNAMOMETER TESTING

The fuel additive composition of the present invention was tested in a 1994 four-cylinder Ford 2.3L engine dynamometer test stand to evaluate intake system deposit control performance. The four-cylinder Ford 2.3L engine is port fuel injected and has twin spark plugs. The engine is prepared for tests in accordance with accepted engine testing practices. The engine test is 60 hours in length and consists of 277 repetitions of a 13-minute cycle. The details of the test cycle for the Ford 2.3L engine are set forth in Table 7.

Table 7. Ford 2.3L Engine Dynamometer Test Cycle

Cycle Step Duration (Seconds)	Engine Speed (RPM)	Engine Manifold Absolute Pressure (Millimeters of Mercury)
270	2000	230
510	2800	539

Total: 780

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Using Sample 1B prepared in Example 1, the test results from the Ford 2.3L Engine Dynamometer Test are set forth in Table 8.

Table 8. Ford 2.3L Engine Dynamometer Test Results

Sample	Mannich (ppm)	Oleic Acid (ppm)	POPA (ppm)	Ratio of POPA/Mannich	AVG IVD (mg./vlv.)
Base	0	0	0	-	435
4A (Comp)	74	0	50	1:1	502
4B (Comp)	74	0	50	1:1	500
4C	74	5.95	50	1:1	462
4D	74	5.95	50	1:1	409

As can be seen in Samples 4C and 4D in Table 8, addition of oleic acid provides an unexpected reduction in IVD mass relative to comparative Samples 4A and 4B.

5 EXAMPLE 5 - FORD 2.3L ENGINE DYNAMOMETER TESTING

Formulations of Mannich condensation products made with different amines and charge mole ratios were evaluated by the Ford 2.3L Engine Dynamometer Test according to the details described in Example 4. The

10 Mannich samples were made from diethylenetriamine (DETA) following a procedure similar to Example 1.

The test results from the Ford 2.3L Engine Dynamometer Test are set forth in Table 9. As can be seen by comparing the average of Samples 5B and 5C in

15 Table 9 to Sample 5A, the lower paraformaldehyde charge mole to amine ratio provides an unexpected reduction in IVD mass for the Mannich made with the

20 2-AEP amine. Comparing the average of Samples 5F and 5G to the average of Samples 5D and 5E shows that the lower paraformaldehyde charge mole to amine ratio provides an unexpected reduction in IVD mass for a Mannich made with diethylenetriamine (DETA) as well.

Table 9. Ford 2.3L Engine Dynamometer Test Results								
Sample	Mannich (ppm)	Oleic Acid (ppm)	POPA (ppm)	PIB (ppm)	Amine	CM Ratio ^a	RUN IVD (mg./ vlv.)	AVG IVD (mg. /vlv.)
Base	0	0	0	0	-	-	732	732
5A	63	1.8	20	20	2-AEP	1:1:2	676	676
5B	61	1.8	20	20	2-AEP	1:1:1.33	94	86
5C	61	1.8	20	20	2-AEP	1:1:1.33	79	
5D	62	1.8	20	20	DETA	1:1:3	135	187
5E	62	1.8	20	20	DETA	1:1:3	240	
5F	62	1.8	20	20	DETA	1:1:2	157	
5G	62	1.8	20	20	DETA	1:1:2	84	121

^aCM refers to the charge mole ratio of polyisobutylphenol:AEP:paraformaldehyde.

5 EXAMPLE 10 - DAIMLER-BENZ M102E 2.3L ENGINE DYNAMOMETER TESTING

Two comparative Mannich condensation products were prepared from 3-(dimethylamino)propylamine (DMAPA) and diethylenetriamine (DETA) by procedures similar to Example 1. The fuel additive composition of the present invention, using sample 1A from Example 1, as well as formulations of two comparative Mannich condensation products were tested in a four-cylinder Daimler-Benz 2.3L engine dynamometer test stand to evaluate intake system deposit control performance. The four-cylinder Daimler Benz 2.3L engine has KE-Jetronic fuel metering. The engine is prepared for tests in accordance with accepted engine testing practices. The engine test is 60 hours in length and consists of 800 repetitions of a 270-second cycle.

The details of the test cycle for the M102E engine are set forth in Table 10.

Table 10. Daimler-Benz M102E 2.3L Engine Dynamometer

Test Cycle		
Cycle Step	Engine Speed	Engine Torque
Duration (Seconds)	(RPM)	(Nm)
30	800	0.0
60	1300	29.4
120	1850	32.5
60	3000	35.0
Total: 270		

The test results from the Daimler-Benz M102E Engine Dynamometer Test are set forth in Table 11.

Table 11. Daimler-Benz M102E Engine Dynamometer Test Results

Sample	Mannich (ppm)	Oleic Acid (ppm)	POPA (ppm)	PIB (ppm)	Amine	CM Ratio	RUN IVD (mg./ vlv.)	AVG IVD (mg./ vlv.)
10A	187	5.5	62.5	62.5	DETA	1:1:2	122	122
10B	186	5.5	62.5	62.5	2-AEP	1:1:1.05	22	27
10C	186	5.5	62.5	62.5	2-AEP	1:1:1.05	31	
10D	182	5.5	62.5	62.5	DETA	1:1:1.05	53	38
10E	182	5.5	62.5	62.5	DETA	1:1:1.05	23	
10F	183	5.5	62.5	62.5	D MAPA	1:1:1.05	50	35
10G	183	5.5	62.5	62.5	D MAPA	1:1:1.05	19	

5 ^aCM refers to the charge mole ratio of polyisobutylphenol:AEP:paraformaldehyde.

The results shown in Table 11 indicate that a reduction in the polyisobutylphenol:amine:PF charge mole ratio to 1:1:1.05 provides an unexpected reduction in IVD mass relative to Sample 10A. While all three 10 amines demonstrated an improvement in IVD deposits, the Mannich

condensation product made with AEP at a charge mole ratio of 1:1:1.05 provides lower IVD mass improvement when compared to DETA and dimethylaminopropylamine (DMAPA).

5 **EXAMPLE 11 - EFFECT OF OLEIC ACID TREATMENT ON ANTI-CORROSION PROPERTIES**

Corrosion tests according to ASTM D665A were carried out to demonstrate the effect of oleic acid treatment on the anti-corrosion properties of a 10 formulation based on Mannich. The Mannich product was prepared as in Example 1 using AEP as the amine, having a charge mole ratio of 1:1:1.05. The D665A test is the most common corrosion test for evaluating anti-corrosion performance of gasoline in dynamic conditions, such as in vehicles or pipelines. In this test a polished cylindrical steel specimen was immersed 15 in a mixture of 300-mL gasoline and 30-mL water. The mixture was stirred for 24 hours at room temperature (about 20 °C). At the end of this period the steel specimen was rated for the degree of corrosion which had occurred. In this example a 49-state Federal gasoline and a California gasoline were evaluated with and without Mannich formulations. The results are shown 20 below in Table 12. The Mannich formulation was a mixture of Mannich with a synthetic carrier (POPA) and oleic acid (117, 75 and 9 mg/kg, respectively). Adding the Mannich formulation with oleic acid (Formulation "A") to the base gasoline improved the corrosion performance to such a degree that there is no need to add a corrosion inhibitor.

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Table 12. Anti-corrosion Properties				
Base gasoline	Federal RUL ^a		California RUL	
Additive package	No	A	no	A
Components, mg/kg				
Mannich condensation product	0	117	0	117
Oleic acid	0	9	0	9
Synthetic carrier fluid (POPA)	0	75	0	75
Corrosion inhibitor	0	0	0	0
Total mg/kg	0	201	0	201
ASTM D665A Results (in duplicate)				
Corrosion rating	D/E	A/A	C/C	A/A

^aRUL refers to regular unleaded gasoline.

Rating	Test Surface Rusted, %
A	None
B++	<0.1%
B+	<5%
B	5 - 25%
C	26 - 50%
D	51 - 75%
E	76 - 100%

5 The use of the above-specified reactant ratios together with the use of a certain amine referred to herein have shown to result in the provision of novel Mannich condensation products having excellent performance capabilities
10 and physical properties.

15 While the present invention has been described with reference to specific embodiments, this application is intended to cover those various changes and substitutions that may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of the appended claims.